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SUBJECT: EDWARD AUER'S PERFORMANCE IN POZNAN

FOR: IBS PASS POLISH SERVICE, IEE

1. EDWARD AUER, VIRTUOSO AMERICAN PIANIST AND A PRIZE WINNER AT THE 1965 CHOPIN PIANO COMPETITION IN WARSAW, PERFORMED IN POZNAN LAST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (MAY 17-18) AS PART OF A LENGTHY TOUR OF POLAND.

2. PLAYING PROKOFIEV'S FIRST PIANO CONCERTO, AUER ENRAPPED AN ALMOST CAPACITY AUDIENCE. REPEATED RHYTHMIC OVATIONS BROUGHT AUER BACK FOR THREE ENCORES, ALL WORKS BY CHOPIN. IN A GESTURE ALSO ACCORDED AMERICAN VIOLINIST SIDNEY HARTH BY THE POZNAN PHILHARMONIC LAST JANUARY, THE ORCHESTRA LEFT THE STAGE AFTER AUER'S INITIAL ENCORE AND STOOD APPLAUDING IN THE AUDIENCE AFTER THE REMAINING NUMBERS. AFTER THE CONCERT, THE POPULAR, MUSTACHIOED 33-YEAR-OLD PIANIST WAS MOBBED BY AUTOGRAPH SEEKERS.

3. AUER, WHOSE LAST VISIT TO POZNAN WAS IN 1972, PLAYED FRIDAY IN A REGULAR PHILHARMONIC CONCERT AND REPEATED HIS PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY FOR MEMBERS OF POZNAN'S ACTIVE MUSIC-APPRECIATION ORGANIZATION  
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4. FROM POZNAN AUER TRAVELLED TO GDANSK FOR ANOTHER  
CONCERT. ALSO ON HIS SCHEDULE DURING THIS VISIT TO  
POLAND ARE RECITALS IN WARSAW ON MAY 21, IN ZIELONA  
GORA ON MAY 28, AND A CONCERT PERFORMANCE IN  
WROCLAW ON JUNE 14.  
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